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1. Newly submitted claims 1-10, 13-16, 22-27, 40 and 46 directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons:

- newly submitted claims 1-10, 13-16, 22-27, 40 and 46 are directed to the distinct species of the forming of the thin film transistor device having a reflective pixel electrode connected to the transistor through the embedded conductive layer.

- on the other hand, original claims 1-10, 13-16, 22-27, 40 and 46 are directed to the distinct species of the forming of the interconnect structure having two separated conductive layers electrically connected to each others through the embedded conductive layer made of organic resin or inorganic resin.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claim withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

2. The amendment filed on 12/8/00 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because newly submitted claims 1-10, 13-16, 22-27, 40 and 46 directed to a thin film transistor structure which is different patentably invention from original claims 1-10, 13-16, 22-27, 40 and 46 drawn to an interconnect between the two conductive layers .


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Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phat X. Cao whose telephone number is (703) 308-4917. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday. If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Olik Chaudhuri, can be reached on (703) 306-2794.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956. Group 2800 fax number is (703) 308-7722 or (703) 308-7724.

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